

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 6, lines 7-8 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 7 shows siLNA **(SEQ ID NOS 31-38)** and siRNA **(SEQ ID NOS 53-60)** compounds for targeting SARS. Capital letters: Beta-D-oxy LNA monomer. Small letters: RNA monomer.

Please delete the paragraph on page 7, line 10 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 14 shows the concentration-depending gene silencing effect of siLNA and siRNA **(SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 61, 3, 62 & 3 respectively in order of appearance)**.

Please delete the paragraph on page 7, line 19 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 17 shows the inhibition of SARS sense/antisense target in 3'-UTR of firefly luciferase **(SEQ ID NOS 57-58 & 35-36 are disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**.

Please delete the paragraph on page 39, lines 29-34 and replace it with the following paragraph:

GL3+: 5'-cuuacgcugaguacuucga<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 1)**,

GL3-: 5'-ucgaaguacucagcguaag<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 3)**

NPY+: 5'-ugagagaaagcacagaaaa<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 49)**

NPY-: 5'-uuuucugugcuuucucuca<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 50)**

RL+: 5'-aucugaagaaggagaaaaa<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>t-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 10)**

RL-: 5'-uuuuucuccuucucagau<sub>d</sub>t<sub>d</sub>t-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 9)**

Please delete the paragraph on page 48, lines 1-3 and replace it with the following paragraph:

(SARS 3 target (SARS genomic position 14593) DNA oligo duplex with Xba I overhangs)

5'-ctagcaaactgtcaaaccggtaattttc-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 51)** (sense, same as mRNA)

3'-gtttgacagtttgggccattaaaaggatc-5' **(SEQ ID NO: 52)** (antisense, complementary to the mRNA)

Please delete the header for Table 1 on page 50 and replace it with the following header:

**Table 1 (SEQ ID NOS 1-13 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**

Please delete the header for Table 2 on page 51 and replace it with the following header:

**Table 2 (SEQ ID NOS 14-30 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**

Please delete the header for Table 3 on page 52 and replace it with the following header:

**Table 3 (SEQ ID NOS 31-48 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**